

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF AUGUST 31, 1939

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the Governor, Annapolis, on Thursday, August 31, 1939.

Present:

Herbert R. O'Connor, Governor  
J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller

Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Director of the Department of Budget and Procurement attended the meeting.

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The meeting was called for the purpose of hearing objections by sportsmen's organizations and others to the action heretofore taken by the Board of Public Works in designating space in the new State Office Building in Annapolis, for offices of the Maryland State Game and Inland Fish Commission.

Mr. Brown, Mr. C.M. LeFevre, Charles F. Herting, Mr. Granville Swope and Mr. Ralph Jarretts, representing various sportsmen's organizations, outlined to the Board their objections to the moving of the offices of the Commission from Baltimore to Annapolis. These gentlemen discussed at length their reasons for opposing the moving of the offices. Mr. Elmer M. Jackson, Mr. Joseph Lazenby and Mr. Elmer M. Jackson, Jr., spoke in behalf of the Board of Public Works and urged the moving of the offices to Annapolis.

Mr. Willis R. Jones, and Mr. Perkins appeared before the Board and urged that the action of the Board heretofore taken, calling for the moving of the Board of Correction from Baltimore to Annapolis, be re-considered, and that the offices be allowed to remain in Baltimore. Mr. Jones and Mr. Perkins spoke at length in behalf of their views.

The Board reserved any action in connection with the moving of the two offices to Annapolis until some further consideration could be given to the matter.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Mr. Frank C. Robey, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore, in which Mr. Robey advised that during the sale of licenses in the month of May, of this year, \$5.00 in counterfeit money was passed through his office, and not detected until it was being deposited in bank. Mr. Robey asked that he be advised what disposition to make of this amount in order to balance his accounts.

The Board agreed to allow Mr. Robey to charge this amount of \$5.00 as expenses of his office, and thereby be relieved of any charge for this particular item.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter addressed to the State Treasurer, by Mr. Fitzhugh L. Insley, Harbor Master of the City of Salisbury, regarding local and state co-operation pertaining to the dredging of the Wicomico River.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Insley and advise that the appropriation made by the State, to compensate owners for damage to oysters that may be caused by dredging the channel in the Wicomico River, will be available beyond September 30, 1939, and that the failure of the work to be completed before that date would not impair the availability of the money at a later date. As to the request of the District Engineer's Office, that the State's contribution of \$14,000.00, to cover the increase in cost of doing part of the dredging by bucket dredge with scow removal instead of by hydraulic pipe line dredge, be paid over to the District Engineer's Office in the form of United States money order or a certified check made payable to the Treasurer of the United States, the Secretary was instructed to advise that the money is in the State Treasury, ear-marked for the purpose indicated, and will be available whenever called, in payment of work being done during the course of the dredging project. The Board is of the opinion that a statement from the State Comptroller, that the money is in the State Treasury, and will be available as stated, should be sufficient for the purposes of the District Engineer's Office.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the fact that because of certain items being disallowed by the Public Works Administration, in connection with construction work at various state institutions, the accounts for such construction work under the General Bond Issue of 1937 have been over-drawn as follows:

Eastern Shore State Hospital	\$ 61.51
Montrose School for Girls	586.70
Morgan College	60.95
Rosewood State Training School	334.82
Springfield State Hospital	2,343.60

As authorized by Section 8, Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1937, General Bond Issue of 1937, the Board approved the allocation, out of premiums received from the sale of bonds of said loan, the amounts listed above for the several institutions, so that the accounts for construction work at those institutions would be in balance.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Col. Harry C. Jones, State Employment Commissioner, in which it was recommended that he be authorized to rent office space adjacent to the present offices of the Commissioner, and used by the Bureau of Mines, after the offices of the Bureau of Mines have been moved to the new State Office Building in Annapolis. The rent for the additional space would be \$600.00 per annum, with the owner making necessary installations and alterations without expense to the State.

The Board approved the request of Colonel Jones that he be allowed to engage this additional space at the rate stated, with the understanding that it would be necessary for the rent to be paid out of the budget of the State Employment Commissioner and not out of the appropriation for the State Employees Retirement System.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from Gen. Milton A. Reckord, requesting he be allowed to proceed with repairs to armories and repairs at Camp Ritchie at this time, and that the cost of these repairs be paid out of the General Bond Issue of 1939, the appropriation to the Military Department being included in the February 15, 1940 issue of the Loan.

The Board approved General Reckord's request that he be allowed to spend between \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00 for repairs as stated, payment to be made as the work is completed and to be charged against the Military Department allotment of the Loan in the February 15, 1940 installment.

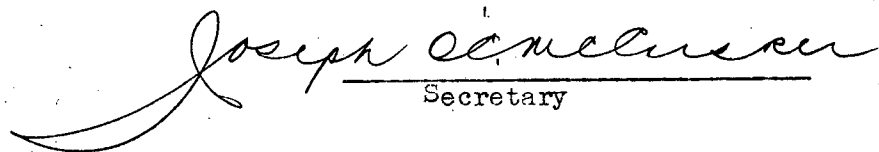
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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a file of papers relating to a deed submitted by the State Roads Commission, to be executed by the Board of Public Works, conveying certain land in Harford County to the Bata Shoe Company.

The Board considered the copies of the agreement submitted to it by the Commission but was unable to decide whether the execution of the Deed would commit the Board to the agreements made by the State Roads Commission with the Bata Shoe Company, Inc., as set forth in copies of the agreement before the Board, and instructed the Secretary to communicate with the Attorney General to secure his views thereto.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary